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Embassy has been pursuing vigorously with GOB prevention of shipment to Cuba of bright solvent stock which Ambassador raised with Spaak October 10 as reported in EMBTEL 586.

CONGEN Antwerp has also been following matter carefully and doing everything it can with shipping interests involved.

When Ambassador passed on to Rothschild information contained in DEPTEL 649, latter outlined efforts Spaak and members of his Cabinet have been making to be as cooperative and helpful as possible in attempting prevent shipment of any of this product not only on present voyage of S MAESTRA (which now due Antwerp October 19) but of any future shipments. Rothschild explained after not being satisfied with earlier rather bureaucratic approach to problem of working level GOB officials, Spaak and his Cabinet had been looking into case from every angle to see what GOB could do. They have concluded that unfortunately there is no legal basis on which GOB can presently

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take official action, especially since Cuba not included within COCOM controls. However member of Spaak Cabinet is approaching both

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Fact that at least some of proposed shipment is of American origin, making it violation of American Export Controls, is added factor which Rothschild hopes will be persuasive with these companies.

apparently is present owner of product and only involved as local transporter.

In any event, Rothschild said Spaak has asked his staff examine possibility for creation of official basis for preventing future shipments. Foreign Office Legal Advisor studying whether this might be done by administrative decree or whether legislative action required.

He assured us however of Foreign Office's sympathy with our problem and its desire to be as helpful as possible.

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